

**CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA**

NAME: Neal Andrews

AGE: 70

OCCUPATION: City Councilmember/Businessman

I've worked hard for many years in the public interest, your interest. I've been your financial watchdog, your voice of common sense, not beholden to any special interests.

I alone opposed the misguided 911 fee. I opposed big salary and pension increases we couldn't afford without raising taxes or radically cutting vital services. In both cases I was right.

When you elected me, you wanted stronger leadership and integrity. You wanted better management. You got it.

I brought performance-based management to Ventura. City employees are more productive and accountable now. We budget for the outcomes you want and get more for your money. Developers pay their fair share. We are more sensitive to community needs and wishes. Because I've led the way on these things, we cut millions in expenses and still met your service expectations.

Ventura remains respected for its arts. Tourism is robust. We're creating new, better jobs. We've protected historic and cultural treasures. We care for our environment, preserve open spaces, protect our scenic views. We treat our homeless more humanely. We're safe.

You've given me the great privilege of representing you in doing this. I've kept my promises.

Vote Neal Andrews for Ventura City Council.

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Date 8/7/13 Signature of Candidate Neal Andrews

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**CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
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Name: Lorrie Brown
Occupation: Community Development

Age: 39

I am a Ventura native and it's a privilege to run this race.

I am a civil servant and city administrator and I want to preserve Ventura's Vision, beautiful open spaces and economic future.

I am a founding member of the United Women's Leadership Council, a Supervisory Committee member of Pacific Oaks FCU and I currently serve on the City of Ventura's Parking Advisory Committee.

Professionally my experience is in Community Development. I worked many years administrating capital improvement programs that supported city revitalization and affordable housing.

I am committed to:

FISCAL LEADERSHIP, PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY and CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

I believe fiscal leadership means balancing the revenue needs of our city, but not at the cost of its citizens or the environment.

I believe good public health includes promoting policies that include safe affordable housing because it is good business.

I believe our community relies on proactive civic engagement and should continue policy discussions that work towards smart growth solutions.

I have an Associates in Bilingual Cross Cultural Studies, a Bachelors in Communication and a Masters in Public Policy & Administration.

If elected to serve, as your Ventura Councilmember, I plan to work for our future.

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Name:
Occupation:

Age:

Name: Richard Francis
Occupation: Consumer Attorney

EXPERIENCE comes from a life of dedication to important things. The last 23 years, with my wife Nancy, I dedicated to raising twins Hannah and Dillon.

Before parenthood I served as Councilmember and Mayor. Now, I serve on the County's Mobilehome Rent Review Board; VCCA – addressing the scourge of homelessness; the Hillsides Conservancy; and Save Openspace and Agricultural Resources (SOAR). That's experience.

Beyond experience I bring VISION.

As co-author with Supervisor Steve Bennett of the SOAR initiative – universally acclaimed for protecting our quality of life from urban sprawl – I envisioned a vibrant downtown, an economically viable agricultural industry, and a sustainable city living within the carrying capacity of our urban footprint.

SOAR was refined by the citizens "Visioning" process, now being abandoned by the current Council's search for an ill-defined "new direction" that ignores the abiding concern that what we do today will have an impact reaching far into the future – our children's future.

SOAR is expiring, and the next big battle will be to readopt it. As your Councilmember, I can help accomplish that goal, preserving and extending our "citizens' vision."

I bring not just promises but a track record of EXPERIENCE and VISION that is tangible.

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Date AUGUST 14, 2013 Signature of Candidate Richard Francis

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**CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
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Name: Paul D. Meehan

Age: 50

Occupation: Senior Programmer Analyst

In my position at FedEx I have two roles. The first is providing support to customers who are implementing a highly technical shipping system. I translate the difficult technical terms used by the developers into plain language that customers can understand.

The other part of my job is to represent customers' needs to the developers, who then create a better product. I advocate for improvements in ways that customers cannot.

I see many correlations between my job and the duties of City Council member. The interactions between administration and residents require clear language and an even clearer view of solutions that will improve the livability and vitality of our City. I will use my experience to help create a better "product" – a city where everyone has the opportunity to flourish.

I care deeply about our community. I have two young children who will grow up in Ventura, and I want it to be the best place it can be.

Current qualifications include a B.S. in Environmental Studies and Small Business Owner. Previously, I have served as a National Park Service Law Enforcement Ranger, Humane Society of the United States Volunteer, Boat Captain/Naturalist, and National Park Service Naturalist.

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CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA

NAME: Jim Monahan

OCCUPATION: Businessman/City Councilmember

AGE: 78

The future of our incredibly beautiful City is very important to me. As a mayor and councilman, I have worked hard to make sure our quality of life is safe from overcrowding and our limited resources are secure for the future. My life has been committed to improving and promoting this city, which I love. I was born here where I have lived my whole life, with the exception of military service in Korea.

I returned and attended Ventura College, married and raised my family while working in my father's business on the Avenue, which he started in 1928. In the 53 years I owned the business, we employed hundreds of workers so I understand administration, finance and budgeting. I believe that the City should be run like a business.

My top priorities are: financial stability, public safety, a clean and well-maintained city, creation of more jobs, protection of the environment, responsive and transparent government, business retention, senior services, cultural enrichment, and a well-planned community.

I ask for your vote to assure that the voice of the people will be heard. Call me at 643-4275 or visit my website at jimmonahan.com.

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**CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
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Name: Erik Nasarenko

Age: 43

Occupation: Deputy District Attorney

Ventura is my home. It's where I work, live and my children go to school. It's also where I coach youth soccer and serve on the Library Advisory Commission.

Every day I help make Ventura safer as a Deputy District Attorney, protecting residents from child abusers and violent criminals. As councilmember I'll make public safety my highest priority -- keeping fire stations open, cleaning up nuisances like trash and abandoned buildings, and focusing on crime prevention.

It has been years since our City Council included anyone with school-aged children. As a parent, I see some issues differently. For example, instead of being the county's massage-parlor capitol, I'd rather Ventura lead the way in improving parks and restoring library services. And I believe we can achieve these goals in a fiscally responsible way.

I treasure Ventura's quality of life, and I think it can be even better. I'll work to protect our environment, build our economy, strengthen the city's relationship with our schools, and invest in services we deserve -- like sports fields, senior centers and nature trails.

Ventura is ready for some fresh ideas and a new generation of leadership.

I would be honored to have your vote.

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CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
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Name: Brian Lee Rencher
Occupation: Business man

Age: 53

CREATING JOBS should be the Ventura City Council's TOP PRIORITY. High-paying jobs in the community increases our wealth, quality-of-life and tax base. Without a growing tax base, basic City services such as police, fire, parks, planning, etc. cannot keep pace with a growing population and inflation.

The council has been focusing for too long on tourism and other low-wage industries, and has lost its tax base in the process. This is why city services are less than they used to be. When I first came to Ventura in 1968, the city was the richest in the county; not any more. What happened?

My 22 years of hands-on experience in city government, when combined with my extensive education, intelligence, energy, and creativity, puts me in a unique position to actually deliver high-paying jobs to Venturans. I usually achieve the goals I set for myself.

In addition to my MBA degree, I graduated with bachelors' degrees in Finance and Marketing from the fifteenth best school of business and economics in the nation earning an overall "A" grade point average. I am highly trained to succeed in this endeavor and will succeed with your vote.

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**CANDIDATE FOR MEMBER OF THE CITY COUNCIL
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Name: Mike Tracy
Occupation: Ventura Police Chief (retired)

Age: 64

I am a lifelong resident of Ventura and have been blessed by my life's experiences in this community. I grew up on Ventura Avenue and attended local public schools. I served as a member of the Ventura Police Department for thirty years, including six years as Police Chief. You elected me to the City Council in 2009 and over the last four years it has been a privilege to serve as Deputy Mayor and currently as your Mayor.

Under my leadership, the City Council has focused on the things that you care most about: public safety and other core services, economic development and prosperity, and keeping Ventura safe and clean. The community can be proud of our accomplishments, and with a newly invigorated City management team we can be assured of continued success toward restoring your trust in local government.

I know this city well and understand the "ins and outs" of municipal government. I am a proven leader and from experience know how to make things happen. My commitment is to always DO THE RIGHT THING for Ventura. The endorsement I value most is your VOTE on November 5.

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